

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE** September 22, 2008**SUBJECT:** AIMS Task Force - Appointments**SUBMITTED BY:** Vince Yanez**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** September 4, 2008**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

HB 2211, as passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, requires the state Board of Education to appoint an seven-member task force to examine various aspects of AIMS. Specifically, the legislation requires the task force to:

1. Examine the experiences and outcomes of other states that have adopted tests that are required for the graduation of pupils from high school and that incorporate a national college admission and placement examination.
2. Develop methodologies, models and other recommendations for the initial Arizona assessment of achievements test.
3. Examine whether the Arizona assessment of achievements test should be a high-stakes test that high school pupils must pass in order to graduate from high school.
4. Submit a written report that contains the task force's findings and recommendations by June 30, 2009 to the state board of education, the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate. The task force shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

The legislation further requires the Board to appoint members to the task force that have expertise in specific areas. Staff recommends that the following individuals be appointed to the task force:

Dr. Jim Zaharis, Chair	Business/Industry Representative	Greater Phoenix Leadership
Dr. Deborah Gonzalez	Standards/Curriculum Representative	Phoenix Union High School District
Chuck Essigs	School Finance Representative	Arizona Association of School Business Officials
Charles Santa Cruz	High School Principal	Gilbert Unified School District
Melinda Jensen	High School Technology Representative	Vail Unified School District
Dr. Joe O'Reilly	Assessment Representative	Mesa Unified School District
Dr. Alan Storm	High School Systems Representative	Pima County JTED

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board appoint the listed individuals to the AIMS Task Force.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []